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SUBJECT: FOLLOWING UP ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S

MEETING WITH LIBYAN CHARGE

REF: STATE 179372

1. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RISK THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON'S STATEMENTS TO LIBYAN CHARGE JULY 24 WILL REACH
COLONEL QADHAFI AND RCC DISTORTED IN THE RETELLING. BECAUSE
OF ITS IMPORTANCE IN CLARIFYING U.S. VIEW OF CENTRAL PROBLEM
IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, PROPOSE THAT CHARGE GIVE MFA
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SHAABAN BRIEFING ON ATHERTON'S
STATEMENTS, LEAVING WITH HIM TALKING PAPER IN ARABIC. WE
ARE CONFIDENT HE WOULD BE RELIABLE CHANNEL TO THE TOP.

2. IN VIEW OF FONMIN MAJOR AL-HUNI'S PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S.,
HE MAY INTEND TO TAKE A DIRECT HAND IN THESE MATTERS, AND IT
IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT IN ADVANCE HE HAVE A
CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION.
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